

## Sound Mind And The Body To Follow Suit #2

Take out your bible and read along, this is only a study guide and you might find something in the text that I didn't find. While my notes might highlight an area that you did not see when reading.

This is an unconventional story  
But I want to share it because sometimes marriage happens this way.

First I want to point out that I didn't say love happens this way, but marriage!

Because marriage isn't about love in the way that I hear most people describing it today.

### *1 Corinthians 13*

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs.*

Abigail in **1 Samuel 25** shows us what it looks like to love truly! Putting the needs of another before yourself despite how the other person responds ( not self-seeking) let's take a look.

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### Verses 1-8

We can see that Nabal was rich, and I could imagine respected by David because David knew how much work it took to be a shepherd why? Because this was his former position in his father's house ( read 1 Samuel 16). So he sent his blessing to Nabal

### Verses 1-14

We see Nabal's true character as he rejects the blessings of the king and David in anger begins arming his men in retaliation against this act of rejection

### Verses 21

We discover that David has been secretly guarding Nabal's territory for him. And David is infuriated with how Nabal has repaid him by declining his blessing.

### Journal point

Think of a time when someone made a peaceful offer to you and you declined only to realize that they had been protecting you all along. Did you apologize when you

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realized it? If not take the time to write a letter as if they could read it

### Verse 26-36

We witness the power of intercession! You might not be physically interceding like Abigail but there are areas in your life where a spiritual intercession is necessary! If Abigail had not interceded would she not have been killed as well?

Not only did she intercede but she didn't go back and tell her husband what she had done to save him.

Do you always feel it necessary to tell others how you have saved them?

### Verse 37-42

We see the way that God avenged David and how Nabal was repaid for the evil he had done in the lord's sight. Abigail spoke to David as lord but also helped David to remember who was Lord. Can I say that this is the hallmark of being a great wife? She knelt down and respected David's position while reminding him who he belonged to. It's no wonder that as soon as David found her husband had passed she was taken to be his wife! Because what man wouldn't want a woman who respects his position and knows how to keep him from falling into the enemy's traps?

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What kind of woman are you !?

### Verse 36

How many times have you been drinking and partying and didn't even know your life was in complete danger? Only to wake up in the morning to another person's recount of how you almost lost everything.

Repent! And turn to the lord while he can be found. And if you are waiting for marriage I want to tell you to begin to build Godly character like we see Abigail here in the text! Even the king knew her name because of her bold yet humble spirit.

### Matthew 10:16

*Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.*